In 1886 the first church was built on what is now Division St. south of the mill ditch. Much of the work was donated and with a grant of $600.00 from Presbytery and other donations, it was completed, except for the bell tower, which was added in 1890. The three denominations mentioned above agreed to serve on the building committee and upon completion, to share the building, each being responsible for one Sunday a month. The church was renamed St. John's in honor of John Thompson who agreed to serve as "stated supply".

In 1887, F. Walton, W. Gilbert and Allan Duffin were the first elders to be ordained locally. In June of that year Aneas resigned as clerk of session and Duffin was elected in his place, and served for 27 years. In 1915 Duffin was drowned while fending off a barge that would have rammed his boat filled with church school children on an outing to Lady's Island.

In Oct. 1888 the senior ruling elder, Aeneas McMaster died. Also in 1888, women finally became directly involved in the work of the church, and never looked back. They formed the Women's Missionary group and under different names, over the years, raised money so well that they repeatedly rescued the church from financial ruin. In April 1889 the society sent Mrs. MacMaster to the annual N. Pacific Mission Board as the first woman to represent the congregation at a denominational meeting.

In 1897, Lutherans used the sanctuary for an organizational meeting to form a congregation.

In 1904, Hugh MacMaster, son of Aeneas, was elected to session where he served for 38 years, a local church record, and probably for Presbytery as well. "However, the congregation breathed a collective sigh of relief when he died, and they could finally run the church as they wanted" (May Ulowetz).

1906-the church bought a two story house and two lots where the present church stands. It was a manse for 36 years and was converted to a Christian Ed center when the new church was erected in 1942.

In 1929, the general assembly lifted the ban on women elders and Elizabeth Duffin and Rose Scott were elected to the session, probably the first in the presbytery, even though the session did not see fit to take a stand on women's suffrage in 1909 when it wrote to Presbytery opposing betting on horse races and supporting local option(prohibition). Perhaps women's rights were not considered moral problems.

In 1936, The Rev. John Phipps was given a "full fledged call" as pastor he served for 22 years, providing the type of leadership that was sorely needed, including the ability to stand up to certain elders without precipitating a crisis.

On April 26, 1942 the present church was dedicated in a service in the fellowship hall. The old bell was moved into the new belfry, and beginning on Jan. 4 it was rung at 6 p.m. daily, for a national week of prayer proclaimed by Pres. Roosevelt. Because of the war there was no copper for the steeple, so instead a modest "bonnet" was designed to support the cross.

On 1943 the first worship service was held in the sanctuary of the new church.

In summary the MacMaster family never wavered from their duty to serve what they believed to be God's will. In the beginning Aeneas provided a place of worship for the whole community. He started our church. The Sunday afternoon church school for all ages was still serving the community until about 1910.

The mill started up the year after the first store was built, so the village became a boom town with all the attendant vices. Aeneas, the hard-headed, moral Scotsman, was exactly the tool God needed to guide